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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3426

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, OTRA, RP (MARCOS, FERDINAND)

SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING TRAVEL OF PRESIDENT MARCOS

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD ME MARCH 9 THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COMBINE HIS TRAVELS TO UNCTAD MEETING NAIROBI AND MOSCOW INTO SINGLE TRIP. THE UNCTAD SESSION WHICH HE PLANS ATTEND WILL BE IN EARLY MAY WHILE THE DATE FOR HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW HAS BEEN FIXED FOR MAY 31.

2. MARCOS SAID HE PLANS TRAVEL NAIROBI DIRECTLY FROM MANILA WITH ONLY TECHNICAL STOPS FOR FUEL ENROUTE. AFTER NAIROBI, HE HOPES MAKE "INFORMAL" VISIT TO LONDON TO VISIT SON AND SAUGHTER, WHO ARE IN SCHOOL THERE, AND RETURN DIRECTLY TO MANILA. (BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN INFORMED AND IS TRYING TO PUT "INFORMAL" VISIT TOGETHER.)

3. MARCOS SAID HE HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED TO ALGERIA, BUT IN VIEW CURRENT RUPTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ALGERIA
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AND MOROCCO, DECIDED IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO ACCEPT. HE

SAID HE WAS SIMILARLY RELUCTANT ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO
"OTHER AFRICAN STATES" WHICH HAD INVITED HIM BECAUSE
SITUATION AMONG THEM TOO FLUID.

4. MAY 31 DATE IN MOSCOW IS PRESUMABLY DAY ON WHICH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND PHILIPPINES CAN
BE EXPECTED TO BE FORMALLY OPENED. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT
MRS. MARCOS BROTHER, KOKOY, WHO IS TRADITIONAL ADVANCE
MAN FOR PRESIDENT, WILL GO TO MOSCOW IN NEAR FUTURE TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT EVENT, KOKOY IS NOMINALLY
PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NEVER
PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS, THUS MAKING HIM A RATHER
AWKWARD CHOICE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT. SULLIVAN

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